

## **SCHOOL DRESS CODE (SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY)**

Toogoolawah State School has a School Dress Code (School Uniform Policy) that has the endorsement of Toogoolawah State School Parents' and Citizens Association. The *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* empowers a school to specify a gender neutral School Dress Code.

Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to work with the School before uniform issues arise so that satisfactory arrangements can be made. Appropriate disciplinary consequences will be enforced in instances of non-compliance.

### **Purpose of the School Dress Code Policy**

- Promote a sense of belonging and pride in the School and Community.
- Is practical in its application to the range of school activities.
- Sets out common understandings and expectations providing equity for students.
- Ensures students observe health and safety and modesty standards.

### **Students are required to wear:**

- School Uniform – school polo shirt and black pants/skorts.
- School Hats: reversible with school colours on one side and the sports house colours on the other.
- Shoes & Socks: runners - closed in shoes. Shoes and socks may be of any colour.

#### **Personal Grooming**

- Jewellery: may wear a watch, small plain stud earrings or sleepers; facial piercings are not appropriate for school but if worn must be small, plain and clear.
- Hair: Hair must be clean and tidy. It is recommended that hair longer than shoulder length be tied back.
- Fingernails: no fingernail polish.
- Make-up: no make-up.

### **Winter uniform**

- Shirt – long sleeve green or white long sleeved white shirt worn under the regular school shirt.
- Pants – black (modesty is important – body hugging attire is not appropriate).
- Leggings/tights – black tights to be worn under skorts, shorts.
- Jumper – green and gold baseball style

### **Appropriate disciplinary consequences for non-compliance with the School Dress Code**

- Parents/Caregivers are asked to provide a written explanation outlining the valid reason for non-compliance
- Any student not complying with the Uniform Policy must report to the Office on arrival at School
- The student's name will be recorded at the Office. Students will be required to change into the correct uniform – items will be available on loan for the day
- Permission withdrawn for the student to attend or participate in an activity for which the student would have been representing the school. Students who have been withdrawn will be provided with alternate instruction for the day.
- Consideration of withdrawal from Leadership positions

Toogoolawah State School is a Sun Safe School and as such the following is to be adhered to:

- Students must wear a school hat when outside – 'no hat no play'
- Sun screen (30+) is recommended when involved in outdoor play/activities

Students representing the School in any activity (in school, extra-curricula, sport etc) must follow the School Uniform Policy

*No student will be disadvantaged should the family not be in a position to comply financially. Should financial difficulties be determined the student can still participate in school activities as a loan uniform will be provided. All students will be considered for leadership roles regardless of their financial position to obtain the correct uniform.*

Toogoolawah State School will begin gradually phasing in of the new Uniform Dress Code starting in 2015 with an expectation of full compliance by 2018.

- 2015: Community informed with consultation  
Uniform ordering process for 2016 will reflect the new policy
- 2016: Student leaders will be expected to always be in correct uniform  
General student body expected to be in the correct uniform as currently outlined (2015) for Boys and Girls or as stated in the revised School Dress Code Policy
- 2018: Whole of student body in full compliance with Uniform Dress Code  
A bank of uniforms will be available for loan  
Consequences applied for non-compliance of the School Dress Code